REMARKS

This amendment was to correct the duplicate use of a reference number. A corresponding change has been made to the corresponding reference in Figure 5. An edited copy of Figure 5 reflecting the proposed changes is submitted with this amendment for the examiner's approval. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

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A redacted copy of the paragraph replacing the deleted paragraph that appeared on page 14 at line 8 follows:

With reference now to **Figure 5**, a flowchart illustrating an exemplary process for matching a seller and a buyer of goods or services wherein the goods and services are uniquely identified is depicted in accordance with the present invention. Once an on-line site receives information from a user for an offer to buy or sell a particular good (step **502**), the on-line auction or want ad site stores the user's buy or sell information in a database (step **504**). The on-line auction or want ad site also determines the quantity , type, unique identifier, and desired price of the item (step [**504**] **505**) and searches the database for a seller or buyer, as the case may be, that is a match (step **506**). The match would match a buyer desiring a certain good with a certain unique identifier with a seller selling the same good with the same unique identifier. The on-line site, in determining a match, also determines that the two offers are both valid as determined by time constraints that may have been placed on each offer by the buyer or seller.
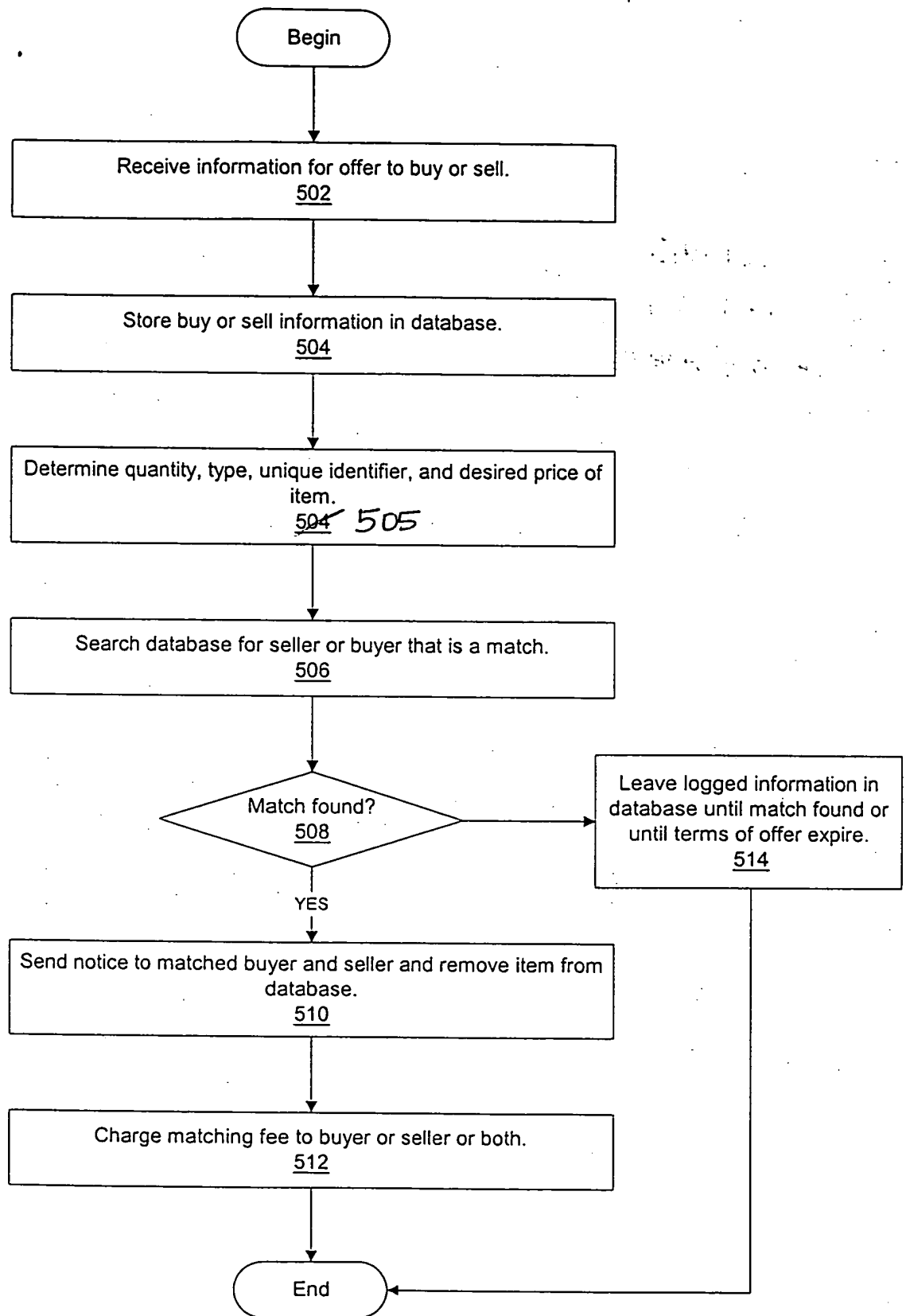
Begin

Receive information for offer to buy or sell.
502

Store buy or sell information in database.
504

Determine quantity, type, unique identifier, and desired price of item.
504 505

Search database for seller or buyer that is a match.
506

Match found?
508

Leave logged information in database until match found or until terms of offer expire.
514

YES

Send notice to matched buyer and seller and remove item from database.
510

Charge matching fee to buyer or seller or both.
512

End

Figure 5

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